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SUBJECT: QUAI REQUESTS DEMARCHE TO SENAT REGARDING PURPORTED

REMARKS BY BERLIN MAYOR STOBBE ON EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

REF: (A) USBERLIN 1025, (B) USBERLIN 1110, (C) BONN 8587

1. STOBBE DID INDEED MAKE REPORTED REMARKS AT APRIL 27 PRESS CONFERENCE WHICH BASICALLY CONCERNED HIS ACHIEVEMENTS DURING FIRST YEAR IN OFFICE AS GOVERNING MAYOR. PARA 6 OF USBERLIN 1110 REPORTS HIS SUGGESTION THAT PARTIES INDICATE IN ADVANCE WHICH OF THEIR MEMBERS THEY WOULD EXPECT TO NOMINATE FOR THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT. BERLIN ELECTORS WOULD THUS FEEL THEY WERE NOT ONLY ELECTING THEIR REPRESENTATIVES TO BERLIN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BUT WERE ALSO PLAYING SOME ROLE IN DETERMINING WHO WOULD REPRESENT THEM IN EUROPE.

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2. COMMENT: STOBBE PROPOSAL RECEIVED LITTLE PRESS PLAY IN BERLIN. WE ARE FRANKLY UNSURE AT THIS STAGE WHETHER HIS PROPOSAL REALLY BREAKS ANY NEW GROUND. WE HAD ALWAYS EXPECTED THAT POLITICAL PARTIES WOULD LET IT BE KNOWN WHICH OF THEIR MEMBERS THEY WOULD WISH TO SEE IN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT. AS USBERLIN 1110 STATES, STOBBE MAY WELL HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN A BACKHANDED SLAP

AT CDU CHAIRMAN LORENZ, WHO, IT IS WIDELY BELIEVED, WOULD LIKE TO GO TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT IF HE IS DEFEATED IN A THIRD TRY AT BECOMING GOVERNING MAYOR. WE SEE NO REASON NOT REPEAT NOT TO ASK A MEMBER OF THE SENAT PRECISELY WHAT STOBBE HAD IN MIND--THIS IS THE KIND OF INQUIRY WE MAKE QUITE FREQUENTLY. WE SUGGEST, HOWEVER, THAT WE IN BERLIN AND THE EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES IN BONN CONSIDER CALMLY WHETHER STOBBE HAS REALLY CREATED A PROBLEM WITH HIS SUGGESTION. WE WOULD CAUTION AT THE OUTSET THAT "APPROPRIATE RESERVE AND DISCRETION" CANNOT BE EXPECTED IN BERLIN WHERE THE CITIZENS AND THE PRESS ARE KEENLY INTERESTED IN BERLIN-EC RELATIONSHIPS. AS THE MARCH 1979 ELECTIONS APPROACH, WE CAN EXPECT ALL KINDS OF COMMENTARY ABOUT WHAT THIS OR THAT PARTY INTENDS TO DO WITH RESPECT TO EUROPE. IT SEEMS TO US THAT THE ESSENTIAL FACT WILL ALWAYS REMAIN THAT UNLIKE THEIR FELLOW GERMANS IN THE FRG AND UNLIKE PERHAPS THE ITALIAN POPULATION IN THE WSB, THE BERLINERS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ELECT THEIR EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT REPRESENTATIVES DIRECTLY. THIS IN OUR VIEW IS WHERE THE STRESS SHOULD BE LAID IN RESPONDING TO FUTURE SOVIET PROTESTS.

3. AT LEGAL ADVISERS' REQUEST, US (CHAIRMAN)
LIAISON OFFICER HAS ASKED SENAT FOR PARTICULARS ABOUT HOW SENAT EXPECTS TO CARRY OUT SELECTION OF BERLIN REPS TO EP. LIAISON OFFICER MADE CLEAR HIS REQUEST WAS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY. SENAT HAS PROMISED REPLY
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